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The Editor  
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Dear Sir

## **Media Release - Resolution to Waterfront Rowing Clubs Dispute**

The Wellington Civic Trust is alarmed and disappointed to see that Wellington Waterfront has agreed to hand over to the Rowing Clubs 24 dedicated parking spaces on the waterfront, (Dominion Post report on 13 July 2006).

This seriously undermines the agreed policies incorporated in the Waterfront Framework which seek to minimise vehicular traffic on the waterfront and eliminate all long-term surface parking. Unless such policies are actually followed then the safety and enjoyment of pedestrians and the pleasant traffic free environment of the waterfront will be irretrievably compromised.

It also sets an unfortunate precedent. Who will be the next to demand permanent parking on the waterfront to cater for their customers - Circa Theatre? The Brewery? The proposed Hilton Hotel?

The public should be reminded that the land now offered to the rowing clubs is public land and should not be handed over to private organizations, (however worthy they may be), simply to meet their convenience."

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Chair, Wellington Civic Trust

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